@ Rs. 50/- per quintal less than the CIP issued under normal PDS. State Governments/UT Administrations have been requested to add not more than 25 paise per kg. over the CIP of foodgrains while fixing the end retail prices to consumers in RPDS. The Government incurs a substantial amount of subsidy on foodgrains issued through PDS.

Statement

Average retail prices of essential commodities during 1991-92, 1992-93 *and* 1993-94

Commodity	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94 (Upto Nov. 93)
1	2	3	4
Rice . .	5.36	6.28	6.80
Wheat . .	4.32	5.11	4.88
Gram . .	9.76	10.71	14.33
Arhar . .	16.29	15.76	16.22
Sugar . .	9.24	9.88	11.62
Vanaspati .	41.82	38.60	36.24
Groundnut Oil	40.38	36.76	35.59
Mustard Oil .	34.00	30.77	30.55

Allocation of Wheat and Rice to Madhya Pradesh under Public Distribution System

264. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total supply out of allocated quota made to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for distribution of wheat and rice under the Public Distribution System;

(b) what has been the prescribed quota fixed per adult in 1985 and the present quota that is being distributed to each adult in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) the number of ration-card holders and fair price shops; and

(d) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh had urged the Union Government to provide more allocations in 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The quantity of rice and wheat allotted to Madhya Pradesh and lifted by the State Government in 1993 (January—October, 93) is given below:—

(figures in '000 tonnes)

	Allocation	Offtake
Rice . .	408.04	168.8
Wheat . .	420.00	189.90

(b) and (c) The information is being obtained from the Government of Madhya Pradesh and will be laid on the table of the House.

(d) Requests from State Government including Madhya Pradesh are received for allocation of foodgrains. Central Govt. makes bulk allocation of foodgrains to States including Madhya Pradesh taking into account the level of stocks in central Pool, procurement made, inter-se requirements of States/UTs. and seasonal factors. PDS allocations are supplementary in nature and is not intended to meet the total requirement of any State.

Scarcity of items under Public Distribution System in Delhi

265. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report appeared in National Herald dated 13-09-93 regarding the scarcity of items that are being distributer under the Public distribution System in Delhi;